

come into force on the 1st day of July, 1906. We are not likely to have the Deputy Governor down again before prorogation, and we shall not have prorogation before the 1st of July.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee).

Hon. Mr. POWER—I wish to direct the attention of the committee to what is clearly an error. Clause 2 of the Bill reads :

2. Section 37 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, chapter 29 of the revised statutes, is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

37. The public accounts shall include the period from the first day of April in one year to the thirty-first day of March in the next year.

That leaves out at least one or two days in the year. The section which this repeals reads as follows :

The public accounts shall include the period from the 30th June in one year to the 30th June in the next year.

And clearly that is more nearly correct.

Hon. Mr. JONES—That leaves out a day also.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It may do that. Although there is nothing in our Interpretation Act about it, I think one day is included, and one day excluded in the calculation of time in that way and my suggestion is that we should substitute for the 1st day of April, the 31st day of March in the first instance so as to make it correspond with the original Act. The nine months is made perfectly clear.

The clause reads :

5. This Act shall come into force on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and six, except that the fiscal year 1906-1907 shall consist of nine months only, beginning on the said first day of July and ending on the thirty-first day of March.

That would certainly include both dates.

Hon. Mr. JONES—If you make changes it will have to go back to the Commons.

Hon. Mr. POWER—But you cannot assent to a Bill which leaves out one day.

Hon. Mr. JONES—The hon. gentleman's contention is that heretofore there has been one day left out, and now there will be two days.

Hon. Mr. POWER.

Hon. Mr. POWER—No, I did not say that. In the calculation of time you include one day and exclude the other.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The first year certainly is well defined, because it says it shall begin on the 1st of July and end on the 31st March. If it should be thought wise to change it another year we can do so.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I must take issue with the hon. gentleman from Halifax. In a lease would not those three days be included? The text of the Statute must be taken into consideration, and I would have no hesitation in saying that both days would be included.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—We have set that matter completely at rest by the first clause of the Interpretation Act which we have passed this evening. I think the following makes it entirely clear that it will include both these dates :

1. Where an Act, or any order in council, order, warrant, scheme, letters patent, rule, regulation, or by-law, made, granted, or issued, under a power conferred by any Act, is expressed to come into operation on a particular day, the same shall be construed as coming into operation immediately on the expiration of the previous day.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It does not say anything about when the Act is to come into operation.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (170) An Act respecting Immigration and Immigrants.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

Bill (135) An Act respecting the Empire Trust Company, and to change its name to the Dominion Trust Company.—(Hon. Mr. Mitchell.)

PETITION FROM AN ALIEN.

The SPEAKER—I have received a petition from James T. Patterson, from New York, an alien.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It is not in order now, it should be read to-morrow.

The SPEAKER—Praying for the payment of money. When the motion is made